

The Messenger  
*Newsletter of Forest Park Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*  
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FEBRUARY CALENDAR		
Sun 2/3	9:30 am Following worship	Worship – Communion Annual Meeting Scrip Orders Taken
Mon 2/4	2:30 – 7:00 pm 6:30 – 8:30 pm	Blood Drive – Fellowship Hall Troop 53
Thu 2/7	1:30 pm 6:00 pm	Bible Study Deacons
Sun 2/10	9:30 am Following worship	Worship – Scout Sunday – Messenger Deadline Hygiene Kits Choir Rehearsal
Mon 2/11	5:30 pm 6:30-8:30 pm	Building & Grounds Troop 53
Tues 2/12	6:30 pm	Membership
Wed 2/13	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Finance Worship & Music
Thu 2/14	1:30 pm	Bible Study
Fri 2/15	11:30 am	Daylight Drivers Vitality Project
Sat 2/16	5:00-9:30 pm	Vitality Project Gathering for a Cause Spaghetti Dinner
Sun 2/17	9:30 am Following worship	Worship Choir Rehearsal
Mon 2/18	6:30-8:30 pm	Troop 53
Tues 2/19	4:30 pm	Personnel Presbytery at Living Hope - Brookfield
Sun 2/24	9:30 am Following worship	Worship – Southminster Youth Choir Rehearsal
Mon 2/25	6:30-8:30 pm	Troop 53
Thu 2/28	1:30 pm 6:30 pm	Bible Study Session

## February 2019 - **The Annual Report**

This is my Annual Report. This is not the formal report that will be shared with all the Session, Deacon, and Financial Reports to be received at the Annual meeting, on February 3rd. This is my Annual Report after completing one year as your Interim Pastor.

The first month included a couple of short requests for short sermons during worship services to assemble Hygiene Kits and the Congregational Meeting. It also included at least three snow storms which made for interesting drives to lead worship. I pray that February will not repeat the weather patterns of a year ago. It has been a joy to serve you all during this time of transition. I believe God has been faithful and will continue to strengthen us on our shared faith journey.

We accomplished many tasks during the last twelve months. In the words of Ann, from the The King and I, "I've gotten to know you." We've made a transition from strangers to partners in ministry. I've moved beyond the past and now we look to the future. We successfully walked the bumpy road from being landlords to selling the manse for more than we could imagine. We listened, we discussed, and we decided together, God's direction. The Vision Team worked and will soon share the Mission and Vision Statements. And, we requested permission (and now wait to hear) from the Presbytery COM to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC).

As we transition into the second year of our time together, I expect God will guide us toward a strong and faithful future. The Nominating Committee will meet after the COM meets on January 15th and will present a slate for the PNC. By the time you receive The Messenger, we hope to move forward in the process. I will be guiding the nominating process focusing on the qualities/characteristics of PNC members or groups of the church that should be represented. We will seek God's guidance

to develop the team who will select your next pastoral leadership. Then, I will step back. I will not be directly involved in PNC process.

Rev. Deb Bergeson-Graham is our Commission of Ministry liaison and she will be working with the PNC, its process to write a Ministry Information Form (MIF), to review Pastor Information Forms (PIF), interviewing candidates, and how to keep the congregation informed of the process without breaking confidentiality. I invite you to pray for the PNC and the pastor as the Lord is preparing to lead you in 2020 and beyond.

Joyfully,

Bruce

Rev. Dr. Bruce A. Jones  
Interim Pastor

## **Bible Study - Luke 7**

As we begin a new year, did you make a New Year's resolution to Study God's Word? 2019 the Revised Common Lectionary will include most of the Gospel lessons from Luke. We continue to discuss and deepen our faith using Luke's telling of God's Good News. Everyone is invited to join us on Thursday afternoon at 1:30pm. If you come a couple of times a month or every week, we enjoy relating God's Word to our life and you might find your experience of Worship to deepen as you discuss a text before you hear it in worship.

## **Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany - February 3, 2019 - Congregational Meeting**

\*Old Testament - Jeremiah 1:4-10, The Psalm - Psalm 71:1-6, \*The New Testament - 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, The Gospel - Luke 4:21-30

Meditation: "Appointed to Love"

## **Fifth Sunday after Epiphany - February 10 - Hygiene Kits**

Old Testament- Isaiah 6:1-8, [9-13], \*The Psalm - Psalm 138, \*The New Testament - 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, The Gospel - Luke 5:1-11

Meditation: "Grace Filled Handiwork"

### **Sixth Sunday after Epiphany - February 17, 2019**

**\*Old Testament - Jeremiah 17:5-10, The Psalm - Psalm 1, The New Testament - 1 Corinthians 15:12-20, \*The Gospel - Luke 6:17-26**

Sermon: "It's a Battle"

### **Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany - February 24 - Rev. Elizabeth McCord, Chaplain at Carroll University**

Old Testament - Genesis 45:3-11, 15, The Psalm - Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42, The New Testament - 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50, The Gospel - Luke 6:27-38

### **Flowers for Worship**

Each Sunday is an opportunity to remember or honor someone and bring beauty to our worship place. If you would like to order flowers, sign up on the calendar outside the Church Office and place your \$50 donation for the two bouquets. Pam orders them and a member picks them up on Saturday.

Currently, we order flowers through Twins Florists. They increased their price to \$50 beginning in January (\$35 last year). They have provided good service and quality flowers, although the Worship and Music Committee and Session is exploring other options. If you have ideas, please contact Rick Pomeroy, Chair of Worship and Music.

### **Rev. Jones' Schedule**

Planned Sabbath: February 4, 12, 25

Sermon Writing: February 1, 8, 13, 27

Study Leave: February 18-24

Call the church office during the week 8am-noon on Monday - Thursday. The Deacon on Call is Mike Godsell. They will contact Rev. Christian Boyd who will be on call to represent Christ should the need arise in my absence.

On February 24th, Southminister's youth will

be leading our worship with their musical. They will collect a free will offering to support their summer mission trip.

### **Per Capita**

If you haven't already done so, please remember to pay your per capita assessment, which is \$38.00 for each active member of our congregation as of December 2017. There is an envelope in your box of offering envelopes designated for this purpose. If you did not get envelopes, include a simple note with your contribution that the extra gift is for per Capita.

The operational expenses of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly are calculated on a per member (per capita) basis. This year the total per member assessment for Forest Park is \$ (\$38 x 119 confirmed active members = \$4,522). As you are aware, being part of the Presbyterian Church (USA) means that we need to pay our portion of the costs to run the church at its various levels.

Our per Capita dollars support the staff and resources we receive from the PCUSA. We are participating in the Vitality Project of our Presbytery, free of charge because of our support of the Presbytery. The Church Leadership Connection will assist our Pastor Nominating Committee as we seek a new called and installed pastor. Our Synod provides coordination of mission projects in our region. All this is supported through our per capita giving of PCUSA members.

To help the church, each member is invited to pay this assessment by contributing \$38. Thank you to those who have paid their per capita for this coming year, and for those who haven't please do so at your earliest opportunity. Your contribution helps your church in a significant way. Our sincere thanks to you.

### **Thank You For Giving to the Lord!**

John Calvin offered his heart to God, "promptly and sincerely." We offer our heart

to Christ promptly and sincerely, when we serve God and neighbor. We give thanks to those church mice, who've offered their hearts in service to Christ...

~ Decorated and undecorated the Church for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany.

~ Served as liturgists and ushers.

~ Provided special music with bells, strings, and voice.

~ Made food, snacks, and treats for meals, fellowship, and meetings.

~ Served on Committees, Deacons, and Session.

~ Completed their 2018 pledge and/or made a commitment for 2019.

~ Staffed office during the holiday time so our staff could be on vacation.

~ Shared Christ's love and grace through gifts, prayers, and acts of kindness.

We give thanks for the precious gift of the Lord. We give thanks as others share their time, talent, and treasures. We give thanks for the ministry of Jesus Christ in our community.



The Deacon on Call for February is Mike Godsell 262-492-3646.



If you know or hear of a prayer need and would like to have one started on the prayer chain, notify the Deacon on Call for the month to initiate your request. If you cannot reach that Deacon, call the Church Office and speak to Pam or leave a message on the answering machine.



Forest Park Church is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Monday, February 4th, 2:30-7:00 pm. Please see attached flyer. Please consider a donation if you can or please recruit if at all possible.

Sign-up for an appointment. Information is on the attached flyer so you can use your own computer. However, if you would like to call Denine, 414-412-0149. I would be happy to sign you up.

The Blood Bank is giving a cute pair of socks to all donors. They are gray, white with red. The bottom of one says, "R U My Type?" The other has the Blood Bank Log on it.

I am hoping for a great turn out both for donors and worker volunteers. Who said a Blood Drive can't be fun and who better than OUR Congregation to throw the Party!! See you there. Thank you, DDD - Deacon Denine Dulde.



February is supposed to be a very romantic month and we hope it is at your house. Remember "Love isn't love until you give it away." Here are some very loving, helpful people in our church.

1. Denine Dulde, with the help of some very capable volunteers is organizing the Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> blood drive at our church
  2. Lynette Hauke always makes sure we have enough food for 'Larry Under the Bridge' and other church 'eating events'. She is a bargain hunter.
  3. Deana Gillespie is organizing the 'Gathering For A Cause' on February 16<sup>th</sup>.
  4. Kristen Tan directed the adorable children's Christmas play on December 16<sup>th</sup>.
  5. Thank you to all the volunteers who decorated and un-decorated the church for Christmas.
  6. Cindy Stigler announced we collected \$700 for clean, safe toilets in unsafe countries. Amazing!
- The Deacons



Daylight Drivers  
February 16, 2019  
Genesis Restaurant  
3740 S 108th Street

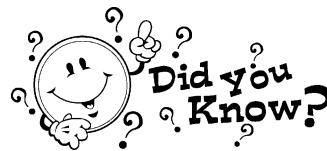
The Daylight Drivers will celebrate Valentine's Day a day late at Genesis Restaurant, located at the north east corner of 108th Street and Beloit Road. Wear something red and meet at the restaurant at 11:30. Please sign up in the Hospitality room.



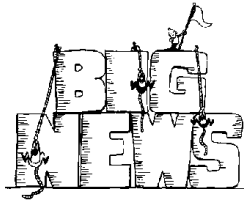
This year, 19 youth from Southminster Presbyterian Church, Vernon Presbyterian & Christ the Servant Lutheran Church are looking forward to joining you for worship on February 24, 2019. We will be bringing you a musical with a message to take part in your worship service coming up soon. The musical this year is called "Are We There Yet?" The songs and skits that make up this musical try to help us explore if we have done all we can to make sure our world knows the love of Jesus and the gift He is to everyone. This show hopes to help us all find ways to let God use us in this world and work through us to spread His word and love as we follow in His footsteps in all the ways He sends us out into the world. The purpose for the visit is to join together in fellowship and worship as well as to fundraise for our upcoming youth mission trip to New Orleans in June.



Any plans after church on Sunday?  
Come into Texas Roadhouse – New Berlin every Sunday with your bulletin and get 10% off your bill donated back to Forest Park Church! Donations will be in the form of money order and donated monthly to the church.



Our church uses several email addresses, but the one to use when you send Pam an email communication is  
fppcsec@aol.com, not  
[fppcsec@gmail.com](mailto:fppcsec@gmail.com)



## Gathering for a Cause – February 16, 2019

Gathering for a Cause was a big success last year and approximately \$1700 was donated to help stop human trafficking. The Mission Committee would like to build on that success and make this year's Gathering even better and more fun! Here is how you can help:

- Please consider donating NEW items, a raffle basket, and/or gift cards (think scrip cards) to be used for raffle items.
- Invite friends and family! We'd like everyone to bring at least 2 non-Forest Park friends to this event.
- Please consider helping set up or clean up. Signups will be available soon. If you have any questions, please see Deana Gillespie or Lee Tan



Each year Karen receives a few letters from prisoner 'Angel Tree parents' who have one or more children that received Angel Tree Christmas gifts. This is one that she recently received-

Dear Angel Tree,  
I am writing this letter to say thank you & how greatly appreciative I am for the gifts my family received this past holiday. My kids were so excited, thank you, thank you, thank you-

God Bless you all.



## Two Latrines!

Our Advent Giving boxes were collected and the total money given was \$700.01. We have had a few more boxes returned since then. A check has already been sent to Presbytery Giving for the cost of two latrines in rural areas of a third world country. Two communities will live more safely and healthfully because of your generous giving. Thank you!



## Hygiene Kit Sunday/Boy Scout Sunday

Sunday, Feb. 10 will indeed be a festive, and active, day. We will be gathering to worship to celebrate Boy Scout Sunday, and to pray for those who've been affected by human and Mother Nature's tragedies. After the service, we will again be packing 1,200 hygiene kits.

After our packaging is completed, we will serve a small lunch. We hope you can stay for the updated information about hygiene kit distribution in 2018, for the worship, and the celebration of Boy Scout Sunday.

There is work for everyone from 2-100 years old to do, from folding towels and washcloths (a sitting job), to counting Band-Aids, to stuffing boxes.

The Deacons have generously donated \$500.00 toward the cost of the kits. If every family could donate \$25.00, we would be well on our way to cover the cost of the kits. What money isn't collected from the congregation, will be covered by Scrip.

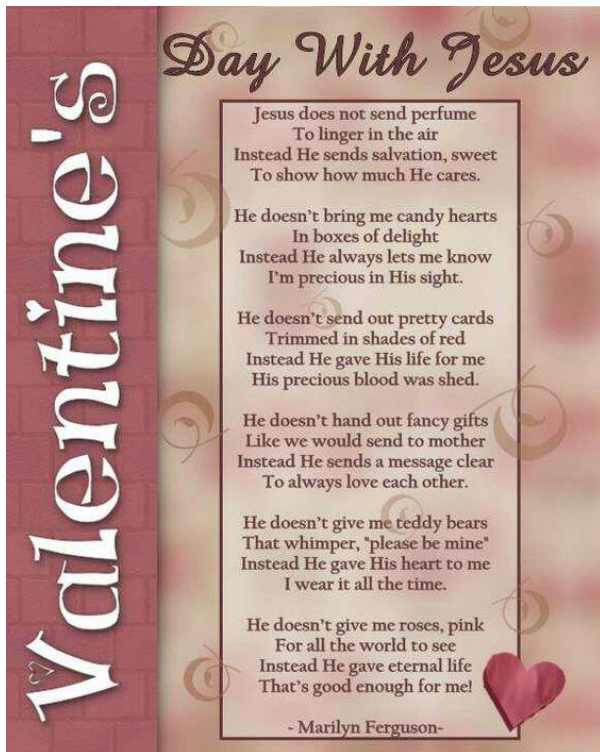


# NEWS & Notes

Milwaukee Rescue Mission Collection

A large box in the back of the sanctuary will be used for donations for the Milwaukee Rescue Mission. They are in great need of men's underwear (sizes L, XL, XXL) and women's pajamas (all sizes). The collection box will be in the sanctuary through March. Karen Wimmer, volunteer for the Rescue Mission, has stated, "Your congregation is incredibly generous. When I put out an e-blast for the needs we have, few congregations responded. We are thankful for your support."

## Deacons Corner



## New Mission Statement Adopted by Session

On Jan. 6, 2019, the Vision Committee met and made its final recommendation for Forest Park's new Mission Statement, which was formally accepted by Session at its January meeting.

**"Growing spiritually, we are a welcoming church family strong in character and tradition that is fueled, energized and strengthened by serving others."**

The purpose of the mission statement is to describe who we are. The committee gleaned information shared at our Congregational Conversations. We hope you see Forest Park in that statement!

The Vision Statement, the statement that describes who God **wants** us to be, is almost completed. The committee has some wordsmithing to complete before we share it with the congregation.

Please thank the Vision Committee members for their work with a rather daunting task: Mary Hahn, Annie Gillespie, Jeff Krogmann, Dorothy Riley, Cindy Stigler, Rev. Bruce Jones.



# Gathering for a Cause



**A Night of fantastic Food, craft wine/beer tasting, and music to give back to the community.**



**Forest Park Presbyterian Church  
Saturday, February 16  
5:00 pm to 9:30 pm**



**Please invite family and friends to help the homeless this winter. Proceeds from this event will go toward two homeless organizations – Larry Under the Bridge and the Hope House.**

**Tickets are \$17 for adults (includes one beer or wine) and \$5 for kids (age 4-10). Kids under 4 are free. Featuring music by Rick Pomeroy and The Tan Family.**

**Your admission ticket includes:**

- 5:00-6:00 appetizers
- 6:00-7:00 dinner
- 7:00-9:30 desserts, music, raffle





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## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

*If you cannot serve on your assigned date, please arrange a substitute and notify the church office.*

	2/3	2/10	2/17	2/24	3/3
Liturgist	Mike Washic	Lee Tan	Sally Daugherty	Jeff Krogmann	Maureen Wise
Head Usher	Gary Stigler	Mike Marr	Ron Reuteler	Gary Stigler	Mike Marr
Ushers	Jim & Sara Grant Pat Janecek	Art Reimer Gordon & Marne Willey	Garrett Pomeroy Benjamin & Nathan Tan	Cindy Stigler Cindy Barbieri Denine Dulde	Anna Gillespie Howard & Sally Hasselkus
Hospitality	Simpson	Stigler	Deacons	Reuteler	Boerema/Janecek/ Marr

Ushers	
Barbieri	262-782-6862
DeGaro	262-364-8123
Dulde	414-412-0149
Grant	262-786-5071
Hasselkus	262-786-3298
Hermann	414-744-0765
Janecek	414-241-0227
Marr	262-389-7433
Reimer	262-679-9226
Reuteler	262-424-4378
Stigler	262-782-5153
Washic	262-789-9779
Willey	262-782-1112

Hospitality	
Boerema/Janecek/Marr	
Daylight Drivers	
Deacons	
Helpful Hannahs	
Reuteler	262-821-5046
Simpson	262-782-1937
Stigler	262-782-5153